on 14, 13 & 8 occasions during 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 respectively. Out of the above occasions on 4, 5 & 5 occasions Centre helped the State Govt. to clear the overdraft by advance release of the funds for the next month or ways and means advance as per Statement enclosed (*See* below).

(c) As regards remedial action proposed to be taken, it is mentioned that it comes under the purview of the State Govt. of Bihar and the Central Govt. is committed to provide necessary assistance for improvement of economic structure of State in consultation with Govt. of Bihar like other States.

Statement

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Total No. of occasions State went into overdraft	No. of occasion when Overdraft cleared entirely by		Details of clearance of overdrafts by Centre by release of funds			
		State's own resources	Also by Centre by advance release of its Nex month's entitlement	Sr. No.	Item	Amount	Date
1991-92	14	10	4	1.	Normal Central Assistance .	40.00	29-2-92
					Share in Central Taxes .	160.00	
						200.00	
				2.	Share in Central Taxes	26.00	10-3-92
				3.	Normal Central assistance .	83.00	26-3-92
					Share in Central Taxes .	94.00	
						177.00	
				4.	Ways and means advance .	16.00	26.?.92
1992-93	13	8	5	1.	Share in Central taxes . .	7.00	16.1.93
				2.	Share in Central taxes . .	19.62	25-7-92
				3.	Share in Central tares . .	23.00	26-2-93
				4.	Share in Central taxes . .	250.00	9-8-92
				5.	Share in Central taxes . .	65.00	17-8-93
1993-94	8	3	5	1.	Share in Central taxes . .	103.00	12-4-93
				2.	Ways and means advance .	50.00	18-4-93
				3.	Share in Central taxes . .	145.00	27-1-93
				4.	Share in Central taxes . .	191.00	15-3-93
				5.	Share in Central taxes . .	182.00	8-3-94

U.S. offer on Heroin Trafficking

4445. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that recently the United States urged India to be more vigilant against heroin trafficking to the West and offered help to combat drug linked money laundering by local and international cartels;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government to the US offer in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) In the last Indo-US Joint Working Group meeting on Narcotics, held in March, 1994, the U. S. Delegation had made positive references about India's counter Narcotics enforcement efforts, which evidently includes the interdiction of Heroin Trafficking to West. However, in their Narcotic Report on Narcotics for 1992, the United States Government, *inter alia,* stated that "Although existing laws are adequate to conduct effective counter Narcotic operations, stronger rules on assets seizure conspiracy and money laundering would aid in fighting international trafficking".

(c) The Government of India and the US Government held a meeting in March, 1994 in terms of bilaterial agreement on Narcotics. Various aspects of counter Narcotic efforts on both sides were discussed. Both sides agreed that bilateral law enforcement efforts are becoming more effective, and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Narcotics Control Bureau have a close working relationship. Both sides would continue to cooperate in counter Narcotic intelligence sharing as an on-going efforts.

Missing/Lost UTI Certificates

4446. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased be state :

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of certificates of various categories of units of the Unit Trust of India (UTI) have not been received by the investors ;

(b) if so, the number of certificates category-wise, reported missing/lost during 1991,1992,1993 and so far during 1994 ;

(c) whether it is a fact that UTI insists that the investors take responsibility for the loss of certicates which might have been lost in the office of UTI or during transit in post, before issuing duplicates ;

(d) if so, what are the reasons for such attitude on the part of Unit Trust of India; and

(e) what action Government propose to take to ensure prompt issue of the duplicates to the investors and that the investors are not unduly harassed by the UTI?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) The Unit Trust of India (UTI) has reported that all valid applications received under various schemes are processed regularly and certificates are despatched within time. However, there have been instances of non-receipt of certificates by unit holders. This is mainly on account of incomplete applications, loss in transit of certificates etc. Since UTI manages a large number of schemes and duplicate certificates are issued as and when individual investors approach UTI. scheme-wise information regarding missing/ lost certificate is not compiled.

(c) and (d) UTI does not insist on investors taking responsibility for loss of certificates. However, as per market practice, UTI issues duplicate certificate after getting letters of undertaking from investors. This is done to prevent misuse of unit certificates.

(e) UTI has been taking steps for prompt issue of duplicate certificates to investors. after completion of necessary formalities. Government have been advising UTI to redress the grievances of investors promptly.

Value of UTI Units

4447. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA : Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state :

(a) the net asset value of various units of the UTI as on the 15th April, 1994 ;

(b) the period after which net asset value is determined and notified; and

(c) the value as on the 15th April, 1994, for which UGS-2000 and UGS-5000 are re-purchased by the UTI and the extent to which administrative charges are recovered from the investors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) The Net Asset Values of various